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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-545.04, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 36-545.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-545.04. Costs of court proceedings; compensation for
5 evaluation and testimony

6 A. Except as provided in this chapter AND EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT A
7 PERSON IS ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-3408 FOR FEDERAL, STATE OR PRIVATE
8 HEALTH OR MEDICAL BENEFITS, costs of court proceedings and cost of services
9 provided by a county pursuant to article 4 OF THIS CHAPTER are a charge
10 against the county in which the patient resided or was found ~~prior to~~ BEFORE
11 hospitalization. The clerk of the superior court in the county where the
12 proceedings are held shall certify to the board of supervisors of the county
13 where the patient resided or was found ~~prior to~~ BEFORE hospitalization that
14 such proceedings were held and the amount of the balance of the incurred
15 costs.

16 B. If a physician, psychologist or social worker is not otherwise
17 compensated for evaluating a person or for testifying at a hearing, or both,
18 the physician, psychologist or social worker shall be paid by the county, ~~an~~ an
19 amount determined reasonable by the court, subject to the same limitations as
20 imposed ~~upon~~ ON compensation for attorneys in hearings, ~~as~~ as provided by
21 section 13-4013. These payments shall be made as a part of the costs of
22 court proceedings as in subsection A of this section.